

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10502**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, with the passage of Proposition 1A in November 2008, California voters provided a \$9.95 billion bond funding for high-speed rail in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is proposing high-speed train service for travel between major metropolitan areas of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed California High Speed Rail (CHSR) plan has come under heavy criticism from many communities like Orange who oppose its proposed path using Eminent Domain powers to cut through neighborhoods and businesses centers; and

**WHEREAS**, a viable finance plan to fund the project's construction does not currently exist, and current plans lay out an unrealistic scenario for paying for the system with a combination of state, federal, local, and private funds. The Authority estimates it needs between \$17 and \$19 billion in federal grants. However, only \$2.25 billion in federal funding has been awarded to this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Auditor Report states; "The program (CHSR) risks significant delays without more well developed plans for obtaining or replacing federal funds. The Authority's plan relies heavily on federal funds to leverage state bond dollars through 2013"; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHSR ridership and revenue scenario for the CHSR has been inflated in order to continue to move this project forward with unachievable goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the final cost for the complete CHSR project keeps increasing with building costs that are twice as much per mile as for similar projects. The project costs are now estimated at \$45 - \$80 billion for project completion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Orange does hereby oppose the construction of the California High Speed Rail. Furthermore, we strongly oppose the construction of any CHSR facilities within the City of Orange; and ask staff to continue to monitor potential impacts to the City of Orange from the construction and implementation of the High Speed Rail Project and report back to the City Council.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

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Carolyn V. Cavecche, Mayor

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Teresa Smith, Mayor pro tem

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Mark A. Murphy, Councilmember

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Jon Dumitru, Councilmember

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Denis Bilodeau, Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Mary E. Murphy, City Clerk, City of Orange

I, MARY E. MURPHY, City Clerk of the City of Orange, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Smith, Murphy, Cavecche, Dumitru, Bilodeau
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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Mary E. Murphy, City Clerk, City of Orange